

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
ELOSIE HAGAN FOR HER SERV-
ICE WITH THE AMERICAN RED
CROSS

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Elosie Hagan began volunteering with the Red Cross in 1957; and

Whereas, Elosie Hagan is 99 years young; and

Whereas, she was recognized for her more than 50 years of volunteer services during the American Red Cross of Knox County's 2008 Volunteer Awards program; and

Whereas, Elosie Hagan continues to exemplify a special dedication to service and community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Elosie Hagan for her contributions to her community and country.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR BOB PHELPS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations and thanks to Mayor Bob Phelps for all the years of service he dedicated to the city of Farmers Branch, Texas.

Mr. Bob Phelps was born in Oklahoma, but got to Texas as soon as possible. He married his high school sweetheart, Dee, in 1955 and they started their journey together in Dallas. They have a son, Rob, and a daughter, Kim, and three grandchildren, Shane, Shealee and Dusty.

At the age of 19 they bought their first home in Farmers Branch in 1957. Bob started his career with State Farm in 1963 and has won many trips and awards. Some of his accomplishments are: member of the Presidents Club, which is the top 50 agents in the company, select agent, Millionaire Club numerous times, Legion of Honor Club, and the Bronze Tablet Club.

After being involved in several elections in Oklahoma helping his Dad run for county sheriff, Bob became interested in serving the great city of Farmers Branch and was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Building Code Board of Appeals in 1984. Bob was first elected to the City Council in 1986 and served 9 years on the Council. Bob was elected mayor of Farmers Branch in May of 1996 and was unopposed in 1999 and 2002 and 2005.

Bob served on numerous boards where he showed the same dedication and determina-

tion expressed as the mayor of Farmers Branch. Again, I would like to thank Mayor Bob Phelps for his service to the community.

IN MEMORY OF AMIT ZUTSHI

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Amit Zutshi, whose untimely death at age 30 on March 19, 2008 saddened the entire community.

Amit was a resident of Fremont, California and shall be remembered fondly for the difference he made in the lives of others. Amit comes from an active family committed to community service. He followed his family's dedication to activism and the promotion of unity.

Amit was born at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles and graduated from Mission San Jose High School in 1995. He attended graduate school and was working toward an MBA from University of Phoenix after receiving degrees in information technology and business. He was employed by Microsoft and also worked for an eCommerce company in Santa Clara, California.

On May 30, 2008, Amit's younger brother Rahul will introduce the Amit Zutshi Foundation. The Foundation's focus will be on children in need of social and community based services to help them thrive. May 30 also marks the 7th annual meeting of the Indo American Community Federation, a group Amit's father Jeevan founded to celebrate diversity.

It is fitting that Amit's memory be honored by the formation of the Amit Zutshi Foundation. Amit leaves a legacy of hard work and caring for others. The Foundation will honor his legacy.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING
ESTABLISHMENT OF A BEBE
MOORE CAMPBELL NATIONAL
MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 134, to establish July as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. The plight of families suffering from mental illness is immense due to an absence of adequate social services and the unwarranted stigma surrounding mental health issues. Due to the unwarranted social stigma and a systemic failure to ensure health care coverage, over two-

thirds of the people who suffer from mental illness go untreated according to the Department of Health and Human Services. Within minority communities, even greater needs exist for mental health services. African Americans have less access to mental health services, and often receive an inferior quality of care. Higher rates of uninsured individuals also compound this problem within minority communities.

According to the National Institute on Mental Health, 20 percent of children and 26.2 percent of adults suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year. As the leading cause of disability in the U.S., many people suffer from more than one mental disorder at a given time. The need for mental health awareness is immense, particularly in the minority community.

Sadly, Bebe Moore Campbell's untimely death from brain cancer means that she is not here to see the passage of this resolution. However, it is comforting to know that her legacy lives on not only through her literature but also through this important resolution. I strongly believe that this resolution and the establishment of July as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month will address and raise awareness in minority communities of the existence of mental illness and the need for mental health services.

I am honored to remember Bebe Moore Campbell, a premier journalist, who authored a children's book entitled, *Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry*, winner of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's Outstanding Literature Award. Through this story of how a little girl copes with being reared by a mentally ill mother, Moore Campbell was able to raise public awareness on mental health issues and heighten the consciousness of this topic within minority communities.

I proudly join my colleagues in support of this resolution and will continue to work tirelessly as an advocate for increased mental health services.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support H. Res. 1153, a resolution celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. As an Executive Board member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), and as the Representative for a district that is 12 percent Asian American, I understand how important it is to recognize the Asian Pacific American (APA) community for their valuable contributions to our Nation's history and development.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was celebrated for the first time in May of 1990,

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and it became an annually observed event in 1992 under the 102nd Congress. Legislators chose the month of May in honor of some noteworthy historical events that happened during this time. May 7, 1843 was the date on which the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States. May 10, 1869 marks the completion of the first transcontinental railroad, an incredible undertaking that was made possible due to the hard work and sacrifices of thousands of Chinese immigrants.

By celebrating APA Heritage Month, we recognize the Asian Pacific American community for all that they have accomplished and endured. This great Nation draws its strength from the diversity of cultures and ideas that it was built upon, and it could not be what it is today without their contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

May 13, 2008: Rollcall vote 306, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1181, Expressing condolences and sympathy to the people of Burma for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by Cyclone Nargis—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 307, on motion to suspend the rules and pass—H.R. 6022, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 308, on motion to suspend the rules and pass—H.R. 4008, Credit and Debit Card Receipt Clarification Act of 2007—I would have voted “aye.”

May 14, 2008: Rollcall vote 309, question of consideration on the role—H. Res. 1189, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 310, on ordering the previous question on the rule—H. Res. 1189, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 311, on agreeing to the resolution—H. Res. 1189, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 312, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1134, Supporting the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 313, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1176, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 314, on motion to recommit conference report with instructions—H.R. 2410, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 315, on agreeing to the conference report—H.R. 2410, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 316, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to, as amended—H. Res.

1133, Congratulating Winona State University on winning the 2008 Division II men's basketball championships—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 317, on ordering the previous question—H. Res. 1190, Providing for the adoption of the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 70, the Congressional Budget Act—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 318, on agreeing to the resolution—H. Res. 1190, Providing for the adoption of the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 70, the Congressional Budget Act—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 319, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to—H. Res. 1173, Recognizing AmeriCorps Week—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 320, on motion to instruct the conferees on—H.R. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 321, on motion to instruct the conferees on—S. Con. Res. 70, the Congressional Budget Resolution—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 322, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to, as amended—H. Res. 789, Honoring public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities providing services for foster children—I would have voted “aye.”

May 15, 2008: Rollcall vote 323, on ordering the previous question—H. Res. 1197, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 324, on agreeing to the resolution—H. Res. 1197, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 325, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended—H.R. 5614, Original Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle Ultra-High Relief Palladium Bullion Coin Act—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 326, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended—H.R. 406, Alice Paul Women's Suffrage Congressional Gold Medal Act—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 327, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended—H.R. 5872, Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 328, on agreeing to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 1—H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted “present.”

Rollcall vote 329, on agreeing to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 2—H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 330, on agreeing to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 3—H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted “nay.”

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1132, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day and to honor more than 900,000 Federal, State and local law enforcement officials who serve this Nation. This year, 358 new names were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, representing names of officers who lost their lives over the course of many years. In 2007 alone, 187 officers from across the United States were killed in the line of duty. These heroes were sons and daughters, husbands and wives, sisters, brothers, and true role models for each of us.

Congress passed legislation (PL 87-726) that requested the President to issue proclamations designating May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Police Officers Week. National Police Week provides us with an opportunity to honor and thank those who keep us safe, protect our streets each day, and allow us to take advantage of the many freedoms we enjoy today. It also provides us with an opportunity to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Our local police officers, like those throughout Staten Island and Brooklyn, commit their lives to serving and protecting our communities, keeping our neighborhoods safe for our families and loved ones. America's finest police officers across the country remain dedicated to their mission despite the tremendous risks involved with their service. Unfortunately, many of these brave members of our community pay the ultimate sacrifice and leave many families mourning the loss of loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in passing this resolution.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING RANKIN & RANKIN INSURANCE AGENCY FOR ITS 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Rankin & Rankin Insurance Agency has served the Zanesville, Ohio community for 80 years; and

Whereas, Rankin & Rankin Insurance Agency has grown through hard work and determination since April 9, 1928; and

Whereas, Rankin & Rankin continue to provide professional advice and direction for all of their customers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Rankin & Rankin Insurance Agency for its contributions to its community and country.